

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

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**AMENDMENT TO ITEM 31**

The County of Los Angeles currently has limits on incidental expenses for each Department.

Item 31 is the Department of Health Services' request to increase both the total annual incidental expense as well as an increase in their per occurrence amount.

Similar requests have been brought forward by other departments in recent months resulting in different levels of authority granted to each department. This practice undermines the existing countywide policy and has the potential to dilute fiscal controls and accountability.

The Auditor-Controller is currently reviewing the County's existing incidental expense policy to identify whether any revisions are necessary (e.g., increasing limits, changing processes, etc.) and plans to report on the results in April 2019.

It would be prudent for the Board to refer this item back to the Department of Health Services pending the outcome of the Auditors Controllers report due in April.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Refer Item 31 back to the Department of Health Services pending completion of the Auditor-Controller's review; and
2. Instruct the Auditor-Controller, in conjunction with the Audit Committee, to report back to the Board with its recommendations for a countywide standard for incidental expenses within 60 days.

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